

as 70 of those hours could be vocational education but it does limit the amount of vocational education that can count as part of the core curriculum to 30 credit hours. So it is designed to be a reasonable limitation and to define the proportion between vocational education courses and other types of core curriculum courses. I would ask the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone who wishes to discuss the amendment? Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I find it very difficult to oppose Senator Beutler with this amendment but I do believe we do need to give quite a bit of flexibility to those people and as I indicated a little bit ago when I opposed the Eret amendment that was designed to give them more flexibility according to Senator Eret by increasing it to 70 percent, I believe that Senator Beutler might be in some cases restricting the flexibility too much. Now I understand Senator Beutler's concern that people will not take all of their courses in vocational training and then get a high school diploma. I think that is appropriate but I would suggest to you that I would think that the local schools would keep a watch on that. I would think that counselors would keep a watch on that and I am sure the State Board will probably keep a watch on it as they set their core curriculum. But I do have some concern about those young people that this might cause them to perhaps be a high school dropout. It might cause them to not see the motivation, give them the motivation they need to continue to stay in school. Now there are those people who take perhaps more vocational programs than Senator Beutler or even myself would like but it does keep them in an educational facility and that is better than being out in the streets, I can assure you, and perhaps at some point in time that exposure to education will cause them to become motivated and will cause them to pursue and to have a very healthy and productive life as an educated person. So I have some real problems with Senator Beutler in his attempt to limit the amount of exposure that a young person could have to vocational training and I ask for the body to reject the Beutler amendment.